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Remarks:

1) Attached is a follow-up report on our meeting with Mr. Doolin, DoD, re Air America.

Harold L. Brown

Per our chat, pls. give him a look less the accounts - HRC

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Brownman in touch by
phone with Doolin. Meeting
tentatively scheduled for 30
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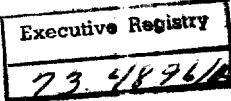
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24 August 1973

The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Bill:

I fully understand the interest and concern of the Defense Department over the future of Air America and Air Asia. We are equally interested in maintaining the capability for reactivating operations if this should become necessary. I believe the way we have proceeded in this will give us reasonable assurance of a continuation of the support Air America has given us in the past but at the same time enable CIA to divest itself of an unnecessarily close relationship.

We will be delighted to explain our plans and procedures to Mr. Doolin, and we certainly will consult fully on any questions the Defense Department might have. I suggest this as a preferable vehicle to an ad hoc committee in order to ensure that any differences of opinion are given full exposure and resolution at the command level.

We will be getting in touch with Mr. Doolin to brief him and any other Defense representatives he might wish to include.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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